



## What are the requirements for Licensure in Vermont?

To be eligible for an Initial License you must have completed one of the two routes to licensure.

**1. Traditional Route to Licensure:** Completion of a state approved educator preparation program at a college or university through a bachelor, post-baccalaureate or master's degree program, **and** recommendation for licensing from the institution. *(If we need clarification on your recommendation for licensure, we will contact the institution.)* If you qualify for the Traditional Route, you must complete and submit an "[Application for Initial Vermont Educator License](#)".

OR

**2. Meeting requirements under the rules of reciprocity per the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement.** Vermont currently has Educator reciprocity with all states. For more about reciprocity and a list of those states with whom Vermont has Administrator reciprocity see: <http://education.vermont.gov/licensing/become-an-educator/reciprocity>.

**\* Coming from another country:** Candidates who have been educated in a foreign country must demonstrate they meet the equivalent degree requirements specified in the endorsement competencies. For more information see:

[http://education.vermont.gov/documents/educ\\_licensing\\_initial\\_foreign\\_credentials.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/educ_licensing_initial_foreign_credentials.pdf)

### Does the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators recognize an alternative route to licensure?

Yes, the Vermont Agency of Education has an approved program that supports an alternative route to licensure called *Peer Review*. Peer Review is for those who have a baccalaureate degree, **but have not** completed a traditional educator preparation program at a college or university. It is for individuals who have acquired the knowledge and skills needed to meet the Core Teaching and Leadership Standards for Vermont Educators and *the endorsement competencies and requirements* through coursework and life experience.

If you would like more information on the Peer Review process please visit the AOE website. If, after you have visited the website, you have additional questions; please call (802)479-1700.

More information and the "Peer Review Handbook" are available by visiting:

<http://education.vermont.gov/licensing/become-an-educator/peer-review>.

*If you do not meet the qualifications for one of these routes, you are **not** eligible for licensure in Vermont.*

## **What tests are required to earn teacher/leader licensure in Vermont?**

VT Testing Requirements:

<http://education.vermont.gov/licensing/become-an-educator/testing-requirements>.

All licensed educators need to meet a general testing requirement. This requirement can be met by:

- 1) Provide verification Praxis I ([or qualifying SAT, GRE, ACT scores](#)) was taken and passed prior to August 31, 2014 OR
- 2) Provide verification the Praxis CORE Series has been taken and passed.

In addition, many endorsements also require educators to pass Praxis II considering the endorsement being sought. To understand testing requirements, please read the [Praxis Brochure](#) found on the Vermont Agency of Education website.

## **I'm an experienced educator from another state. Shouldn't I be exempt from the testing requirement?**

Not necessarily – Please review the FAQs in the agency's [testing brochure](#) which states only two exemptions to the testing requirement.

## **I've read the testing brochure and it states that I can be exempt from the testing requirement if I qualify for a Level II license. What qualifies for a Level II license?**

An applicant will need to provide the agency with a copy of a current, non-provisional educator license and demonstrate at least 3 years of successful work in a school, within the past 7 years, in the subject area and instructional level listed on the license. Any applicable experience must have been done while fully licensed. Substitute teaching will not be counted unless it was a "long-term" substitute position for one class.